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PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant(s): Barry D. Hand et al.

Title: HOSPITAL BED

Atty. Docket No.: 8266-1087

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/810,376, filed March 16, 2001 for PRONING BED.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

1. Enclosed is a continuation patent application.
2. Declarations and Power of Attorney:
 - is being filed with this application.
 - were filed in the prior application, and a copy is enclosed herewith.
3. Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
4. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a))				\$750	\$750
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	20	- 20 =	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0	\$84	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$280	
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If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$750

5. A check in the amount of \$ 750 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

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6. Request for _____ Month extension of time in Application No. _____
_____ filed _____ is enclosed herewith.
7. A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed to cover the extension of
time.
8. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9. Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application.
10. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is
a continuation division of application Serial No. _____ filed _____.
11. The original application was assigned from the inventors to Hill-Rom Services, Inc.
12. An assignment of the invention is enclosed herewith.
13. A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the recordation fee for the
assignment is enclosed.
14. Request For Non-Publication and Certification Under 35 U.S.C.
122(b)(2)(B)(1)
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17. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
18. A PTO Form 1449 is enclosed with copies of _____ cited references.
19. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees
under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be
required during prosecution of this application, or credit any overpayment, to
Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate
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Respectfully submitted,

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